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## First record of *Upucerthia validirostris* from Bolivia and new Bolivian distributional data

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This paper reports the first record for Bolivia of the Buff-breasted Earth-creeper *Upucerthia validirostris*; also new distributional data for some bird species following a departmental criterium. The number of bird species currently reported from Bolivia is 1257 (Remsen & Traylor 1989). Voucher specimens, where noted, are deposited in the collections of Estación Biológica de Doñana (EBD). Nomenclature follows Remsen & Traylor (1989).

### WHITE-TUFTED GREBE *Rollandia rolland*

Recorded in Andean highlands from La Paz, Oruro, Cochabamba and Tarija Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989). Twenty-two individuals were seen on 16 November 1982 at Laguna Katalcito, c. 4000 m, province Sud-Lipez—the first record for Potosí Dpt.

### SILVERY GREBE *Podiceps occipitalis*

Known from the highlands of Cochabamba, Oruro and Potosí Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989) and for a single locality in La Paz: Ulla-Ulla

reserve (Ribera & Hanagarth 1982, Serrano & Cabot 1982). An additional record from La Paz is of 7 seen on 5 December 1982 in Laguna Ichucota in the Cordilleran zone, 4300 m, c. 50 km N of the city of La Paz. The following species (number of individuals in parentheses) were also observed at Laguna Ichucota: Olivaceous Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (1); Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera* (20); Speckled Teal *Anas flavirostris* (20); Crested Duck *Anas specularioides* (3); Giant Coot *Fulica gigantea* and breeding Andean Gull *Larus serranus*.

**CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus ibis*

Widely distributed in Bolivia. One seen on 22 August 1988 between Pazña and Machacamarca, c. 3700 m, Province Cercado, was a first record for Oruro Dpt.

**ROSEATE SPOONBILL** *Platalea ajaja*

A first departmental and altitudinal record is of one seen 3 January 1986 at Laguna Alalay, 2500 m, near Cochabamba City, Cochabamba Dpt. Also recorded from Beni, La Paz, Santa Cruz and Tarija Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989).

**TURKEY VULTURE** *Cathartes aura*

Widely distributed in the Bolivian lowlands, and recently reported from the 'puna' of La Paz Dpt (Serrano & Cabot 1982, Cabot & Serrano 1988). Two were seen on 24 August 1988, 10 km N of Oruro city, Province of Cercado, the first record for Oruro Dpt.

**BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

Characteristic of the mesothermic valleys of the Bolivian Andes (Cabot & Serrano 1986), one was seen on 22 August 1988 at Pazña, Province of Poopó, a first record for Oruro Dpt. Previously reported from La Paz, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz and Chuquisaca Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989).

**GREATER YELLOWLEGS** *Tringa melanoleuca*

Widely distributed in Bolivia (Remsen & Traylor 1989). Several individuals were observed 7 November 1982 at Villa Alota, 3700 m, the first record in Potosí Dpt. Recently recorded from Oruro Dpt (Schmitt & Schmitt 1987). Numerous individuals were present on 23 August 1987 at Lago Poopó, Oruro Dpt in mixed flocks of Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*, Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* and Two-banded Plover *Charadrius falkandicus*.

**BURROWING OWL** *Athene cunicularia*

One seen 19 August at Laguna Alalay, 2500 m, near Cochabamba City, was the first record for Cochabamba Dpt. Recently reported for Oruro Dpt (Cabot & Serrano 1988). Additional localities from Oruro Dpt are 8 km S of Oruro City (one specimen), 23 August 1988, and between Oruro and Challapata, c. 3900 m (sight records).

**WHITE-VENTED VIOLETEAR** *Colibri serrirostris*

Reported from La Paz, Chuquisaca and Santa Cruz Dpts (Bond & Meyer de Schauensee 1943). In the Santa Cruz Dpt is known only from the western montane area. One specimen (EBD 11142A), collected 28

August 1984, at Serranía Caparuch (14°30'S, 61°10'W), in the extreme northwest of Santa Cruz Dpt adjacent to the Brazilian border, constitutes a new locality record.

**ELEGANT WOODCREEPER** *Xiphorhynchus elegans*

Recently cited as new to Bolivia (Bates *et al.* 1989). A previous record is of one (EBD 11079A) collected 24 August 1986 at Serranía Caparuch, Santa Cruz Dpt.

**RUFIOUS-BANDED MINER** *Gesitta rufipennis*

One seen 28 September 1984 crossing the road between Padilla and Tomina, Province of Tomina, is the first record for Chuquisaca Dpt. Recorded from La Paz, Oruro and Potosí Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989).

**BUFF-BREADED EARTHCREEPER** *Upucerthia validirostris*

A single specimen (EBD 7639A) was obtained 12 November 1982 at Quetena Chica, 4000 m, Province Sud-Lipez, Potosí Dpt. The habitat was an extensive stony plain with scattered *Lepidophyllum* bushes. This is the first record of the species in Bolivia. Previously known in western Argentina, in high Andean steppes, from Salta and Jujuy to Mendoza, also in Córdoba province (Narosky & Izurieta 1987). Although the species was cited for Bolivia by these last authors, no valid record previously existed.

**SHORT-BILLED CANASTERO** *Asthenes baeri*

A specimen (EBD 11127A) collected 13 September 1986 at 'Estancia Perforación' (19°30'S, 62°30'W) in the Chaquean region, Province Cordillera, is the first record for Santa Cruz Dpt. Previously reported only from Tarija Dpt (Remsen & Traylor 1989).

**SPOT-BILLED GROUND TYRANT** *Muscisaxicola maculirostris*

One specimen (EBD 7338A), obtained 24 July 1984, at 10 km SE Sucre, 3800 m, Province Oropesa, is a first record for Chuquisaca Dpt. Also seen 25 July at Yotala, and 26 July 1984 at the airport of Sucre.

**PUNA GROUND-TYRANT** *Muscisaxicola juninensis*

One sighted 3 April 1985 near Laguna Totoracochoa, c. 4000 m, Cordillera Tiraque, Province Arani, is a first record for Dpt Cochabamba. Known from La Paz, Oruro and Potosí Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989).

**WHITE-CRESTED TYRANNULET** *Serpophaga subcristata*

One specimen (EBD 10203A) collected 30 August 1985, 40 km E San Borja, Province Ballivián, in isolated islands of forest within periodic inundated savanna, is a first record for Beni Dpt. Recorded from Dpts Cochabamba, Santa Cruz, Tarija, Chuquisaca and La Paz (Remsen & Traylor 1989).

**MANY-COLOURED RUSH TYRANT** *Tachuris rubrigastra*

Previously known only from Lago Poopó, Oruro Dpt (Bond & Meyer de Schauensee 1942) and Lago Titicaca, La Paz Dept (Niethammer 1956). Two specimens (EBD 16404A, EBD 16405A) collected at Laguna Alalay in Cochabamba city are a first record for Cochabamba Dpt. An

additional record for La Paz Dpt is of one seen October 1981, at a small lake, 4 km SE of La Paz City in Achocalla valley.

**BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Widely distributed in Bolivia (Remsen & Traylor 1989). Several individuals seen 28 September 1984 between Padilla and Tomina are a first record for Dpt Chuquisaca.

**PUNA YELLOW FINCH** *Sicalis lutea*

Reported from La Paz, Oruro and Potosí Dpts (Remsen & Traylor 1989). The record from La Paz Dpt is based on a specimen collected 5–24 October 1941 at Esperanza, 4200 m, by Steinbach. Previously reported from the Ulla-Ulla Reserve, 4400 m, Province Franz Tamayo, Dpt La Paz (Cabot & Serrano 1985). Voucher specimens: EBD 4686A, 16 December 1981; EBD 4414A, 22 May 1982; EBD 4686A, 27 May 1982; EBD 4760A, 21 January 1982; EBD 5521A, 28 September 1982; EBD 5550A, 16 October 1982. One was also seen (no date) near Escoma, 3800 m, Province Camacho, La Paz Dpt.

In Ulla-Ulla Reserve, *S. lutea* is fairly common, attaining major densities along the banks of rivers. On flat open ground, it does not congregate in large flocks as does the Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropygialis* at the Ulla-Ulla Reserve.

**THICK-BILLED SISKIN** *Carduelis crassirostris*

Known from Potosí (Bond & Meyer de Schauensee 1942) and Oruro Dpts (Fjeldsá 1987). A single male, obtained from a flock of 5 individuals in a small *Polylepis* wood, 18 August 1988, at c. 70 m NW of Cochabamba city is the first record for Dpt Cochabamba.

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## Notes on Philippine Birds, 16. First records of the Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda* and Merlin *Falco columbarius* from the Philippines

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Over the past 15 years, with increased field activity in the Philippines and with the scouring of museums in preparation for the forthcoming *The Birds of the Philippines* (British Ornithologists' Union Check-list No. 12) by E. C. Dickinson, R. S. Kennedy & K. C. Parkes, no fewer than 8 species of birds have been added to the Philippine list. Of these, Javan Pond-Heron *Ardeola speciosa* (Kennedy *et al.* 1984), Gadwall *Anas strepera* (Kennedy & Dickinson 1980) and Baer's Pochard *Aythya baeri* (Glass *et al.* 1979) are based on field observations; Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicaria* (Wischusen *et al.* 1984), Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* (Temme 1976) and Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva* (McGowan & Pritchard 1990) are confirmed by recently obtained specimens; and Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* (Gonzales & Kennedy 1989) and Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* (Kennedy *et al.* in prep.) are from previously unpublished records of specimens in the Philippine National Museum. Here I report on 2 additional species new to the Philippine list.

### RED-TAILED TROPICBIRD *Phaethon rubricauda*

During the round-the-world cruise of the research vessel 'Dana', Jespersen (1933) reportedly sighted one individual sometime on 22 May 1929 in Philippine waters. The noon position of the boat that day was 19°09'N, 120°05'E, c. 40 km off the northwest coast of Luzon, and it apparently reached Aparri on the north coast of Luzon that evening. Although Gould *et al.* (1974) listed this sighting (as well as a Taiwan